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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(c) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application

hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(c):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-306480 published in Japan on October 22, 2002; and

B. U.S. Patent No. 6,352,509 issued to Kawagishi et al. on March 5, 2002.

The above-listed prior art are cited in the Office Action of September 20, 2006 by the European Patent Office for European patent application No. 03 023 959.4 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Office Action is enclosed.

Prior art A is in Japanese, and the English translation of this prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, an English language abstract is attached to this non-English prior art. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of this prior art A is omitted herein.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1), the required statement is presented as follows:

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first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

In addition, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2), it is hereby petitioned that the present information disclosure statement be considered, and our check for \$180.00 to cover the required petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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